

ULSTER TO SEND ENVOYS TO IRISH

**Cabinet Decides to Take
Part in Efforts to Check
Present Border Crisis.**

**REPUBLICANS AND FREE
STATERS IN RIFLE CLASH**

**Death Toll in Belfast Disorders
Reaches Fifty-Six—Snipers
Shoot Farmer Dead.**

By the Associated Press.

27.—The Irish Free State bill passed its third and final reading in the house of lords today.

BELFAST, March 27. The Ulster cabinet today accepted the invitation extended by Colonial Secretary Churchill to a conference in London of Irish leaders, called in view of the disturbed conditions in Ireland.

Premier Sir James Craig, telegraphing acceptance in behalf of the Ulster unionist members of the northern government will arrive in London Wednesday.

Promise Death for Death.

A notice posted near the town hall in Dundalk, County Louth, a strong Sinn Féin center, near the northern border of the free state territory, calls attention to the absence of any resolution by the non-Catholic body of County Louth against murderous acts, and calls upon the Protestants to "act immediately, failing which we are determined to take, at some means as they in Belfast used to our fellow Catholics."

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notice. "For every Catholic man, woman, boy or child murdered in the city, so also shall the same quantity of hell be sent to the souls of our fellow Catholics meet the same fate." The priest then said: "The Lord be with you and the angels of the silent but sure messengers."

Seven Week-End Murders.

Deadly in the hospitals of two week-ends, the city has brought the total of fatalities in the disorders of the week end to seven. On Saturday night, the evening of the total number of persons killed thus far in March in the disorders here was fifty-two, including five civilians, three regular policemen, two special constables and a military officer.

At midnight Saturday, a girl was killed at a dance. She was killed by a stray shot fired by a man during a panic caused by a woman who was being accosted in altercation with her husband. The people in the neighborhood, fearing an attack, fled in confusion, screaming and blew whistles. Military and defense corps contingents immediately appeared and the military began firing with machine guns. Two shots by unknown persons in other parts of the city during the night.

There were two more deaths Sunday in the hospitals of persons wounded in affrays last week.

First Death on Border.

The first fatality along the disputed border occurred yesterday, when a man feeding cattle near Callendown was killed by a stray shot from the Fredonia State side and died later in the hospital.

black infantry. Firing along the border continued Tuesday and two bridges were blown up at Carrickmore, Tyrone.

The funeral of Owen MacMahon, the schoolkeeper, and the murderer of his family who were murdered in their home early Friday morning, was held at Carrickmore on Tuesday. Joseph Devlin, Irish nationalist member of parliament for Belfast, was among the mourners.

IRISH TROOPS CLASH.

Republicans and Free Saters in Three-Hour Rifle Duel.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, DERRY, March 27.—A fight between Irish republicans and police barracks at Newtown-Cunningham, occupied by Free State troops, ended Tuesday night with a three hours' duration of the attacking party retired, leaving six prisoners and 100 rifles.

Oriel House, near Omeath, close to the County Louth-Armagh border, the residence of J. C. Bentley, which was occupied by the British police, was burned to the ground with its contents Saturday night.

ARMY DEMANDS REPUBLIC.

Free Staters Condemn Action at Republican Convention.

By the Associated Press.

DUBLIN, March 27.—The convention of Irish republican army members, which had been forbidden by the daily eireann cabinet, ended its lengthy session late last night without exciting any outward display of enthusiasm, the usual Sunday life of the city.

The provisional Free State government has not attempted to interfere with the proceedings and has not taken any action. It will take any action, although it is generally supposed that those who attacked the Free State army are separating themselves from the rest of the army, and their names may possibly be included in a list of traitors.

The action of the convention in unanimously adopting a resolution reaffirming the delegates' allegiance to the Irish republic met with strong condemnation among the supporters of the Free State. The Irish Independent today said:

Division is Deplored.

"Many times in the past have our people been divided in a crisis, when unity was essential. Today we witness the same unifying, deplorable spectacle. Division has been forced on us by the action of the Free State. At the sectional convention amounts in effect to repudiation of the daily eireann cabinet, the body that the Free State daily is the supreme authority in Ireland, and, in democratically governed countries, including republics like France and America, the army is strictly subject to the control of civil authority, of

Wherever departures from that constitutional system have taken place, grave events, sometimes amounting to establishment of a military dictatorship, have followed."

News Writer Arrested.

The correspondent of the Freeman's Journal at Charleville, County Cork, has been arrested. Apparently, says (the newspaper, the Irish republican army authorities there were offended by his report of an attempt

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